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BETWEEN AN IMPLANT AND  
SURROUNDING TISSUES

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references that are listed on the attached PTO form 1449, copies of which are submitted herewith.

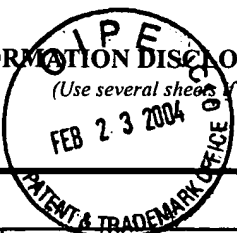
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
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		Casey K. Lee and Harold Alexander, Prevention of Postlaminectomy Scar Formation, 305-312.						
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